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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masashi SHIRAISHI

SERIAL NO: 10/812,872

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FOR: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD WITH MAGNETORESISTIVE EFFECT ELEMENT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY WITH THE THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

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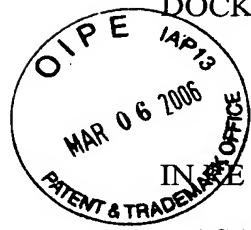
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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.